

through the Los Angeles County Medical Association, which eliminated the chief difference in policy and procedure that constantly occurs when lay-controlled organizations enter into the rendering of a professional, or semi-professional, service.

In this instance the fine spirit of coöperation on the part of the representatives of the Associated Hospital Service of Southern California brought about the elimination from their contracts and certificates of agreements to render any and all professional services, including laboratory and x-ray procedures. This agreement follows the definition of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association as to what constitutes hospital service and, in my opinion, is the only safe method whereby prepayment of hospital service, where solicitation of the beneficiaries occurs, may be carried on that should receive the approbation and support of the medical profession without the danger of encroachment upon professional privilege by lay corporations.

As your councilor-at-large I have maintained a constant affiliation with other groups in the community in order that I might bring a comprehensive knowledge and viewpoint into the meetings of the Council, to assist in the answering of our continuously changing problems. The immediate future will present problems that concern the medical profession in their relationship to the public that will require a broad and deep understanding of the trend of the times in order that we attempt to adjust our relationship on a basis that will permit us to continue to serve, free from restrictions and interference that would decrease the quality of service that is the motivating ideal of every man in the medical profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry H. Wilson, *Councilor-at-Large*.

IV

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman

Howard Morrow, President.

William W. Roblee, President-elect.

Edward M. Palette, Past President.

Lowell S. Goin, Speaker, House of Delegates.

Morton R. Gibbons, Chairman of the Council.

Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman, Auditing Committee.

Charles A. Dukes, Chairman, Committee on Public Relations.

Frederick C. Warnshuis, Secretary-Treasurer.

George H. Kress, Editor.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Executive Committee of the Council has met monthly during months for which Council meetings were not scheduled.

The Executive Committee concerns itself with Association policies and work and indicates action as questions arise concerning the Association's interests. Nine officers and councilors contribute their time and judgment in establishing supervision of Association matters.

Thus, questions and representations are promptly considered, eliminating delay and expediting prompt action to the advantages of all members.

Digests of its meetings are published, and at each Council meeting action is taken to cause the minutes to become part of the Council's record.

The Executive Committee diligently seeks to discharge its duties, and account for its stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl L. Schaupp, *Chairman*.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Executive Group

Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman

O. D. Hamlin

T. Henshaw Kelly

To the President and the House of Delegates:

In compliance with the provisions of the by-laws, we shall submit a draft of the 1938-1939 budget at the opening session of the House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl L. Schaupp, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES AND TECHNICAL GROUPS

Executive Group

John V. Barrow, Chairman, 1940

Edwin L. Bruck, 1938

W. H. Geistweit, 1939

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The work of the committee has been done chiefly by correspondence. Each member has been asked to render a report to be incorporated in the committee report. The dentists, the druggists, and certain officers of the Bar Association, together with an important insurance company, have all been contacted regarding a campaign for the listing of voters.

The plan involves the listing and classification of the physicians of the State Medical Association. These groups will contain from ten to thirty, as convenience dictates. A leader, responsible to the County Association, will have direct telephone contact with each member. Each physician will be requested to furnish names and addresses of his patients who, by virtue of their confidence in him, will support the legislative measures that our State Association recommends. This method alone will yield better than 500,000 votes. The Woman's Auxiliary has signified its willingness to make these listings through our county medical associations. This entails an enormous amount of work, which they are capable and happy to do.

Not many letters need to be mailed, but the one final request direct to the voter must be signed by the physician himself. Whether these letters are mailed through the county medical associations, or the State Medical Association office, or the League of Public Health, is for the determination of the Council. We particularly request the approval of the Council for the Auxiliary coöperation in this matter. The same organization can be accomplished in the allied organizations without forming any legal tie-up.

Doctor Geistweit of San Diego has done much work with the local pathologists and other physicians in the matter of the new law licensing laboratory workers. He recommends a more careful and thorough study of this situation than has been given heretofore. He has also done some work in the line of his convictions that there should be a much stronger law licensing nurses, in which matter he recommends that that subject be studied by our committee.

Locally, and in matters of the State, we have coöperated with the Auxiliary with the greatest pleasure and our best ability.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Barrow, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Executive Group

Fred B. Clarke, Chairman, 1938

W. R. P. Clark, 1939

Benjamin W. Black, 1940

To the President and the House of Delegates:

It is quite apparent to the members of this particular Standing Committee that progress in the field of public health education is dependent upon persistent persistency. Your committee is also of the opinion that visualization of a subject or health fact is the most effective means of educating the public upon health matters.

Your committee has, through the offices of the State Secretary, pursued such a course during the past year. Several series of from three to six public lectures have been arranged for Y. W. C. A. groups, Women's Clubs, and High Schools. Gratifying expressions of appreciation have been received in return.

Some twenty-two lectures have been arranged for other lay groups during the past year. These engagements have inspired other groups to sponsor public meetings and enabled the making of new contacts that will record an expanding program of public education which can be assured by persistency in follow-up work.

Your committee deplors the lack of interest and coöperation on the part of county society members in this program of public education. Lack of interest is also manifested by many local health officers. Except for three or four exceptions, county societies and health officers are wholly disinterested. This lack of interest and seeming unwillingness on the part of members to prepare talks on health questions

and accept engagements to address lay meetings materially delays and limits the work of this committee.

Your committee respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. That the House of Delegates direct each county unit to sponsor two or more public meetings each year, under the direction of a special local committee charged with this duty.

2. That these county committees be requested to enroll from their members a speakers' group and submit their names and subjects to the State Secretary. Members of these groups to be assigned to address lay meetings in their immediate vicinity.

3. That county or local health officers be requested to take suitable steps to sponsor and support public meetings for the purpose of public health education.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred B. Clarke, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND OBITUARIES

Executive Group

Frank R. Makinson, Chairman, 1938

A. Elmer Belt, 1940

J. Marion Read, 1939

The Secretary, ex officio

The Editor, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The committee met once during the year. The meeting was held in San Francisco in October, 1937, when all the members were present. The work that had been accomplished was reviewed, but special attention was given to formulating a plan embracing the entire State.

It was considered advisable to suggest to the Council that the committee be enlarged and divide the State into districts so that one member of the committee would be responsible for obtaining the history in his particular district.

Death notices and obituaries were to be obtained and forwarded to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, which has been satisfactorily carried out.

Requests were to be made of various public libraries of the State to set aside, in a place reserved for such, all books and articles pertaining to California medical history.

It is urged that a county historian be appointed by each component county unit; this has been done in several instances. A splendid appeal was made recently by the editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE along this line. A great deal has been accomplished toward collecting the history of the Association, but a still larger portion remains unfinished; yet satisfactory progress can be reported.

Appended hereto is a list of members who during the last year have been called from earthly labors to have their names recorded in the roster of the Chapter Eternal.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Makinson, *Chairman*.

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IN MEMORIAM

Alexander, Edgar William, July 21, San Francisco.

Alvarez, Luis Fernandez, May 24, Los Angeles.

Attwood, William Gillispie, July 14, Los Angeles.

Baker, Charlotte LeB. Johnson, October 31, Point Loma.

Ball, Charles Dexter, June 16, Santa Ana.

Barlow, W. Jarvis, September 4, Los Angeles.

Beck, John Edwin, April 8, Tulare.

Bell, Mabel T., September 27, Ventura.

Bennette, Marie Antoinette, July 27, San Bernardino.

Bowen, Fred Phelps, October 9, Los Angeles.

Brem, Walter Vernon, November 19, Los Angeles.

Brown, Harry V., June 26, Glendale.

Brown, Newbern N., May 30, Bakersfield.

Busby, James L., February 23, Pasadena.

Carey, Henry Benjamin, February 4, San Francisco.

Clark, John I., November 3, Santa Ana.

Coe, Harry Carson, June 11, Oakland.

Denman, Claire H., January 12, Berkeley.

Downs, Alfred J., March 12, Los Angeles.

Dunlap, Albert Knight, January 19, Sacramento.

Eddy, Irving Herbert, March 8, Glendale.

Ellis, James A., May 1, Alameda.

Farmer, Lydia Etta, July 1, Folsom City.

Fehlman, William Edward, November 24, Santa Cruz.

Friedman, Joseph C., October 20, Banning.

Gatchell, Willis LeForrest, December 31, Stockton.

Ghrist, David Garrison, February 3, Los Angeles.

Goodridge, Hannah A., October 26, San Jose.

Gray, Frank Pierce, June 28, San Francisco.

Green, Louis David, January 14, San Francisco.

Grissim, John D., July 22, Oakland.

Gross, Harold G., October 28, Eureka.

Hay, Emil O., October 15, Los Angeles.

Haynes, John Randolph, October 30, Los Angeles.

Heffernan, William T., December 30, San Diego.

Howell, Edgar Henry, December 30, San Francisco.

Hull, Leonard Charles, November 23, Hollister.

Jones, Charles Breckenfeld, March 14, Sacramento.

Kehr, Edwin Frank, October 31, Pasadena.

Kern, Bert C., September 5, Jackson.

Lenker, Walter Dora, January 30, San Bernardino.

Mabee, Melbourne, March 23, Santa Ana.

Martin, James J., March 23, Long Beach.

Miller, Frank W., November 1, Los Angeles.

Miller, Harold A., August 13, Alameda.

Minaker, Andrew J., January 16, San Francisco.

Millspaugh, Willard P., October 29, Los Angeles.

Moffitt, Thomas William, January 4, Hollywood.

Mountford, George Thomas, May 2, Coalinga.

Newmark, Philip, August 20, Los Angeles.

O'Connor, Thomas C., Jr., January 13, Lodi.

Otis, Margaret R., September 21, Los Angeles.

Peery, John Thomas, September 27, Corcoran.

Pruett, John F., March 17, San Francisco.

Rea, Thomas, December 1, Yreka.

Renz, Carl, January 22, Mill Valley.

Rook, Charles Wesley, April 15, Montrose.

Roth, George Henry, August 22, Los Angeles.

Seawell, J. Walter, December 26, Healdsburg.

Shidler, George P., September 12, Torrance.

Smith, Harlan Lewis, March 12, Fair Oaks.

Smith, Munford, June 28, Los Angeles.

Smith, R. Knight, April 18, San Francisco.

Solomon, Jacobus C., March 15, Los Angeles.

Spencer, John Campbell, July 4, Palo Alto.

Styan, William Earnshaw, November 24, San Francisco.

Sweet, Earl Bertrand, May 22, Los Angeles.

Sweet, Frank D., January 24, Long Beach.

Tomlinson, Richard Frank, March 13, San Francisco.

Trowbridge, Dwight Howe, May 4, Fresno.

Van Sickle, J. Russell, January 16, Santa Monica.

Wade, Lyman Trevitt, April 11, San Luis Obispo.

Wall, Albert Samuel, September 9, Los Angeles.

Webster, Oran Lamar, July 31, Holtville.

Wheeler, Joseph Suly, July 23, Santa Cruz.

Zirker, Daniel Webster, October 25, Merced.

COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS, DISPENSARIES, AND CLINICS

Executive Group

Daniel Crosby, Chairman, 1939

Karl L. Schaupp, 1940

George Dawson, 1938

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Although the year has been filled with many questions concerning hospitals, methods of conducting hospital insurance, and the like, nothing has come to the attention of this committee which required any action.

Most of the questions that have been given consideration have been considered by the Public Relations Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Crosby, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL PRACTICE

Executive Group

Morton R. Gibbons, Chairman, 1938

Harry E. Zaiser, 1940

Philip Stephens, 1939

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Attention has been called in the official journal of the California Medical Association to the decision of the Supreme Court of California in the case of *Tator vs. Pacific Employers' Insurance Company*.

"The court, in its decision, established that the California Industrial Accident Commission has jurisdiction over all injuries arising in this State, even though the contract of employment was made in another state and even though the employee is only temporarily assigned to work in this State. This obviates any possibility of physicians being required to proceed in other states for compensation for services performed in this State to an employee injured in this State."

The American Medical Association has organized a Council on Industrial Health. There has been one organization meeting. Another will be held before the California Medical Association annual session.

It is not possible to publish a statement regarding the proposed activities and scope of this Council in this bulletin. However, it is probable that definite information may be available before May 9.

The San Francisco County Medical Society has taken measures to secure from the Industrial Accident Commission of California, by means of the facilities of the WPA, statistics on industrial accident practice, and compilation of experiences in that practice. The data to be sought is under consideration, and suggestions from interested members is solicited by the committee of the San Francisco County Medical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Morton R. Gibbons, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL DEFENSE

Executive Group

George G. Reinle, Chairman, 1938
Fred R. De Lappe, 1939 John P. Nuttall, 1940

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your Committee on Medical Defense, by the authority of Chapter 5, Section 4, of the by-laws, appointed an Advisory Committee, consisting of Dr. Phillip Gilman, Dr. Stanley Mentzer, and Dr. Gordon MacLean, to assist it in the preparation of a report on malpractice in California.

This committee begs to submit to the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association the following report and recommendations:

The committee has been informed that a number of surplus line brokers were engaged in writing physicians' defense and indemnity insurance contracts on behalf of different groups of underwriters at Lloyd's in London, England. The committee also found that surplus line brokers are authorized by the California Insurance Code to issue contracts of insurance in any particular field after it has been determined by the Insurance Commissioner that less than 50 per cent of the authorized and admitted insurers doing the particular class of insurance business involved (in this case liability insurance) are refusing to issue insurance contracts of the type sought to be issued by the surplus line brokers.

With respect to those insurance companies authorized to transact a liability insurance business in the State of California, the committee found the following: the Medical Protective Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana, issues physicians' defense and indemnity policies to members of the California Medical Association only, at the rate of \$32 per annum and with a coverage of \$5,000 to \$15,000, but excludes the following:

- (a) Most surgery, unless done in an emergency;
- (b) Any liability growing out of the ownership, operation and supervision of any x-ray equipment for therapeutic work; or
- (c) Any liability arising out of the ownership, operation, and supervision of any hospital, sanitarium or clinic, or any business enterprise. Upon payment of a premium of \$48 per annum the company will remove the surgery restriction. In other words, a surgeon must pay \$48 per year for coverage of \$5,000 to \$15,000. It appears that the Medical Protective Company will insure against liability arising from the use of x-ray equipment for therapeutic work at a premium of not less than \$150 for the minimum coverage.

The Zurich General Accident and Liability Insurance Company, Ltd., according to the committee's information, will issue physicians' indemnity policies in certain instances. But the committee is also informed that the Zurich will not issue a policy to a physician who is not a member of his county society and the State Association, and even though a physician is a member of his state and county societies the company exercises a rigid selection. This company is not at all anxious to enter the malpractice field on a large scale.

There may be other insurance companies authorized to do business in California which will write malpractice policies, but your committee is not aware of their identity.

The large number of surplus line brokers representing various groups of underwriters located at Lloyd's in London, England, who are engaging in the malpractice insurance business in this state, are not so well known to the medical profession nor are their policies, or, in fact, the very nature of Lloyd's insurance.

Lloyd's is divided into many groups of underwriters, each operating independently of the other. In California these groups are represented by approximately thirty-seven agencies known as "surplus line brokers." Insurance agents in the various towns and cities of the State place the insurance of their clients (*i. e.*, physicians) with the surplus line broker. In insurance terminology the insurance agent is known as the "producer," and the surplus line broker is often referred to as the "broker," "underwriter," or "agent." (Mr. Hartley F. Peart, attorney for the California Medical Association, advises that this language utterly disregards the legal distinction between an "agent" and a "broker.")

The various Lloyd's groups (often referred to as "underwriters"), each acting for itself, prepare so-called underlying contracts by the terms of which the particular group authorizes specified agents (surplus line brokers) in various parts of the world to issue contracts of insurance to individuals in the name of "Lloyd's of London." Each member of the underwriting group signs his name to this underlying contract and indicates after his name the proportion of the total liability which may be incurred on all of the insurance contracts ultimately issued which he agrees to be personally responsible for. Copies of this underlying contract are then made available to the agents of the particular underwriting group all over the world. Acting pursuant to the authority contained in an underlying contract, surplus line brokers in California issue and sign malpractice insurance contracts bearing the name "Lloyd's of London."

The question of placing malpractice insurance with surplus line brokers representing underwriting groups at Lloyd's in London, England, is a serious and immensely complicated problem. In addition to the problems created by the very nature of Lloyd's there are the legal problems which exist as a consequence of Lloyd's being situated several thousand miles away from the State of California.

Finally, one San Francisco broker submitted a policy form to the committee for its approval or disapproval. This form was submitted to Mr. Peart with the request that he review it. On his recommendation, your committee expressed its approval of this particular policy.

Your committee is informed that within the past two months a number of surplus line brokers issuing Lloyd's of London policies have revised their policy forms to conform with the policy form prepared under the direction of Mr. Peart and approved by your committee. At the present time it is believed that most policy forms now being issued in this State are, in substance, identical with the form which your committee has approved, but it has been impossible to verify this in all instances. Therefore, and in order that no misunderstanding may arise, your committee recommends that an expression of approval or disapproval be withheld with respect to malpractice insurance policies issued in the name of Lloyd's of London for the time being so that your committee and Mr. Peart may have an opportunity fully to verify the information concerning uniformity of policy forms.

The growth of malpractice claims has become a serious problem, and one which the medical profession must face and solve. Just why the problem has grown more acute in recent years cannot be said with certainty; but we can indicate, as the result of our investigations, the course that must be pursued if the growing evil is to be checked.

Some investigators have pointed out the increase has kept pace with the therapeutic use of radium and the roentgen ray. The development of surgery has received a share of the blame. Well founded or not, there is food for thought in the fact many insurance companies operating in this field charge higher premiums for policies written for surgeons, roentgenologists, and radiologists than for policies written for general practitioners.

Your committee strongly recommends that consideration be given to the study of the causes of malpractice claims as outlined by the Medical Defense Committee of the Los Angeles Medical Society. They are:

1. Ill-timed and critical remarks, innuendoes, and inferences by other doctors.
2. Emotional resentment on the part of patients, parents, and friends accompanying tragedy, injury, and accident, which is concentrated upon the doctor, often without reason.
3. Ill-timed and poorly conceived advice from legal, interested parties.

4. Inadequate, inaccurate, unscientific clinical and hospital records.

5. Submission by attorneys of description of the treatment rendered, to another member of the medical profession, who will examine it critically and point out one or two phases wherein he (the critic) would have done differently. The plaintiff's lawyer then immediately seizes upon this information and alleges that in those items the defendant was negligent.

6. Lack of information on the part of the public as to what actually constitutes malpractice.

It is further recommended that there be appointed in every county medical society a medical defense committee whose duties shall be, whenever a malpractice claim is made or threatened, to investigate the case and advise as to its handling in cooperation with all those concerned. In this connection your committee submits the following recommendations:

1. It shall be the policy of this committee and of the component county society to respect the privilege of every member to testify in any case as his conscience and opinion may dictate, and the committees shall not seek to prevent any member from so doing. It shall in all manner act with due regard to the rights of the patient.

2. Whenever this committee is informed that a claim of malpractice is made or threatened, the chairman or secretary shall, as soon as possible, summon a meeting of the committee for the purpose of investigating the circumstances connected with the case.

3. It shall be the duty of every member of the component county society to notify the chairman or secretary of this committee of any malpractice claim made or threatened against him, or against any other member of the profession, and to appear before this committee at any time when he may be called and give the committee all the information he may possess regarding the case.

4. It shall be the duty of every member of this Association who contemplates participation in the preparation of a malpractice claim or suit or testifying in any such suit, to first notify the Medical Defense Committee of his intentions and give his reasons therefor.

5. No member of this Association shall make a charge for services or accept any compensation for acting with regard to a malpractice claim. It is the policy of this Association that no member shall speak disparagingly of the treatment given by any other member until he has made himself thoroughly familiar with all the circumstances as they existed at the time the treatment was rendered.

Your committee wishes to emphasize the fact that the difficulty in getting an acceptable policy in California, due to mushroom growth of malpractice suits, will never be eliminated as long as the present laws remain on the statute books. The committee is informed that a plaintiff need only allege negligence or carelessness in order to obtain a court hearing, and that courts have frequently been prevented from granting a nonsuit by reason of such allegations.

The Council recommends a review of the statutes and decisions of other states in an effort to ascertain whether or not procedural legislation might not be suggested which would afford better protection to licensed persons.

Your committee further recommends that every member of the California Medical Association should be a member of the Medical Society of the State of California; although a member's liability insurance policy provides the member with the services of the carrier's attorney, that attorney, under the ethics and principles of his profession, must represent the insurance carrier first. Hence, the defense service of the member is directed to the fulfillment of his client's conception of its contract with him, and it is the company's interest which he must at all times protect.

The Medical Society of the State of California makes it possible for its members to secure the personalized supervision of and participation in all legal problems and trial conduct of their own personal attorney, thus assuring full protection of each member's personal and professional interest. The Society indemnifies the member for the expense of his attorney. The member's attorney, by means of cooperation with the insurance company's attorney, is able to provide the member with complete legal protection.

Respectfully submitted,

George G. Reinle, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ECONOMICS

Executive Group

John H. Graves, *Chairman*, 1938
Edward M. Palette, 1940 William R. Molony, Sr., 1939

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The committee has held no meetings during the past year.

Meetings of the Committee on Public Relations have been attended by some members of the Medical-Economics Committee, and correspondence has been exchanged among the members.

In view of the development of numerous activities in the field of medical economics, it appears likely that the coming year will present more problems that will come within the scope of the committee than demanded attention during the past twelve months.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Graves, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

Executive Group

Loren R. Chandler, *Chairman*, 1939
John B. Doyle, 1940 B. O. Raulston, 1938

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your Committee on Medical Education and Medical Institutions has considered matters referred to it by the Association concerning the activities at one of the State institutions, making recommendations to our Council.

This committee has cooperated with the Committee on Postgraduate Education and with the four medical schools in California in postgraduate medical education. Inasmuch as the activities of the medical schools in California are described adequately from time to time in bulletins and reports, your committee sees no need to present at this time another report on their activities.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. Chandler, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

Executive Group

E. Vincent Askey, *Chairman*, 1938
G. Dan Delprat, 1940 Dewey R. Powell, 1939
The Secretary, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your Committee on Membership and Organization has held no special meetings. The attention of your committee has been given to encouraging and noting the various efforts of your county societies in the constant procedure of recruiting members.

Since the recruiting of members must be in the hands of the county societies primarily, we would suggest that your body encourage each county society to make a survey such as was recently made by one large county unit. This survey showed the following statistics:

Total number of nonmembers in county.....	1,923
Number of former members who have been dropped for nonpayment of dues.....	313
Number of nonmembers who may be eligible but are over 55 years of age.....	598
Number of nonmembers who are eligible and are under 55 years of age.....	798
Number of nonmembers with evidence indicating that they are not eligible.....	137
Number of nonmembers who have applied but have been rejected.....	55
Number of nonmembers who are not listed in any directory.....	22

With this knowledge it is possible to put on an active campaign to induce those eligible and desirable to join without loss of effort and with the greatest efficiency.

We need not again emphasize the importance of the strongest alliance among all doctors of medicine. A membership as large as possible is the first step toward welding our profession into an efficient militant organization, defending scientific medicine and our professional rights.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Vincent Askey, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES**Executive Group**

John C. Ruddock, Chairman, 1940
 F. E. Clough, 1938 F. F. Gundrum, 1939
 The Secretary, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Postgraduate Activities has had several meetings during the past year as well as various correspondence concerning its activities.

The committee this year has carried on the work that had been started in previous years by former committees. The Council of the California Medical Association has recognized the obligation of the California Medical Association to afford opportunity to its members to engage in continuous educational studies with a minimum of inconvenience, time and expense. It has promptly carried out the recommendations of the committee in causing to be published, as a supplement to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE in the November, 1937 issue, a five-year study program for graduates in medicine. There has been listed in this supplement 103 subjects for postgraduate programs. The committee realizes that this supplement is incomplete, and at the present time is revising it as experience shows the need for changes and where subjects have had need to be added and supplemented. The committee feels that the precedent that has been established by the publication of a five-year study program for graduates in medicine is very worth while and answers one of the problems and justifies the existence of organized medicine. The subjects as listed in the supplement are not intended for didactic work in medicine. They are not intended to provide physicians for any specialty, but they are intended to afford an opportunity to the members of the California Medical Association to remain abreast of scientific progress and to apply it in their daily practice with an understanding of the underlying problems and fundamentals.

The committee realized that there are certain members of the California Medical Association who will not embrace the opportunities that are offered them. However, the opportunities will be available and if they are not taken advantage of, then those men will lose who do not embrace them. The committee intends to further report in detail concerning certain problems of its plans for work to the House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ruddock, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS**Executive Group**

Ralph Eusden, Chairman, 1940
 Ruggles A. Cushman, 1938 Oscar Reiss, 1939
 The Editor, ex officio The Secretary, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The detailed report of the editor may be considered part and parcel of this committee's report.

With the physical arrangement of the contents of the official journal, and its editorial policy and comment and projected plans, the committee is in full accord.

In these days of economic and political unrest, the medical profession is increasingly faced with problems peculiar to its functions, not only with its organization and stability, but to the public.

Therefore, editorial comment and publication of articles pertinent to the Association's place in the political and professional sun will be increasingly forthcoming, to the end that our membership may be well and honestly advised, and our rights and position maintained.

Our official journal has reached an outstanding position in the field of the state and regional medical journals, and its efforts to bind together the membership in a well-advised manner, as well as to give members scientific information of an up-to-date and useful nature, shall continue to be a major purpose.

Complaints have been scarce. Papers submitted are fairly considered, and the editorial policy of giving preference to annual session papers and clinical presentations has our continued approval.

This being an election year the committee urges that you read the official journal in order better to acquaint yourselves with legislative matters of importance to the medical profession.

The committee requests for CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, as the official journal of the Association, the whole-hearted support of the Council and House of Delegates in its present and projected character and policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Eusden, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC WORK**Executive Group**

Frederick C. Warnshuis, Chairman, ex officio
 Lemuel P. Adams, 1940 F. M. Pottenger, 1939
 J. Homer Woolsey, 1938 Howard F. West, ex officio
 Nelson J. Howard, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The scientific program for this sixty-seventh annual session represents the major activity of this committee.

Your committee renews its recommendations that the House of Delegates give careful consideration to the desirability and advisability of selecting places for the holding of annual sessions that provide adequate accommodations for section meetings and scientific exhibits.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. Warnshuis, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Committee on Public Relations consists of the chairmen of the following standing committees and of certain general officers of the Association, all serving ex officio. The chairman of the committee is Charles A. Dukes. The secretary-director is Frederick C. Warnshuis. The chairman of the Committee on Public Relations is, ex officio, a member of the Council. The Committee on Public Relations includes the following:

Fred B. Clarke, Chairman, Committee on Health and Public Instruction.
 Daniel Crosby, Chairman, Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries, and Clinics.
 Morton R. Gibbons, Chairman, Committee on Industrial Practice.
 E. Vincent Askey, Chairman, Committee on Membership and Organization.
 John H. Graves, Chairman, Committee on Medical Economics.
 Junius B. Harris, Chairman, Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.
 Charles A. Dukes, Chairman, Cancer Commission.
 John C. Ruddock, Chairman, Committee on Postgraduate Activities.
 Howard Morrow, President of California Medical Association.
 William W. Roblee, President-elect.
 Frederick C. Warnshuis, Secretary-Treasurer.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

From month to month in the Department of Public Relations in the Association's official journal, the Committee on Public Relations has rendered progress reports on its activities. This report will, therefore, be limited to a few comments and recommendations.

I.

Our professional relations to the public in general, and particularly to governmental agencies concerned with public interest, is most unstable and far from satisfactory. Changes and new proposals related to medicine and medical care occur overnight. Proposals are devised, altered, abandoned, and new plans are projected. There is a palpable instability and unrest. This attitude renders it impossible to submit a clear statement as to what has occurred or to predict what the tomorrows may bring.

Your committee feels that an ultimate and acceptable solution of this problem is dependent upon two fundamental principles that merit concentrated action. They are:

(a) The necessity of creating and maintaining public good will and confidence for the individual doctor of medicine and the units of our medical federation.

(b) To cause the public and its governing agencies to recognize that our profession and its organizational units, by reason of their training, past achievements, experience, intimate contacts, and capability, are more competent to devise ways and means to satisfactorily meet the medical needs of all classes of people than any other agency, govern-

mental branches, or self-constituted groups or individuals who are outside the pale of medicine.

Your committee has sought to develop these two principles through several ways and by acquired contacts. Your committee alone is quite impotent to attain this public confidence. Attainment can only be accomplished through the persistent energetic efforts of every member who is called upon in his daily activities to embrace every opportunity to create public good will and confidence in the profession and its organizational representatives and spokesmen.

Your committee stresses the need of this solidarity and cooperation and urges that county societies concern themselves with these questions. Individualism, independent minority groups, and their quests, delay and confuse, thereby retarding early ultimate satisfactory establishment of acceptable relationship between the public and the profession.

II.

Coöperation with Public Agencies.—Maintenance of contacts and coöperation with lay and governmental agencies have been continued during the year.

The director has been elected to an office in the American Legion. He was also elected as a director of the California Safety Council and is serving on two important committees of that organization. Through the California Forestry Medical Service Corps he has maintained official contact and service with the Federal and State Forestry Services, and the State Highway Traffic Department.

Contacts have been maintained and coöperation continued with the following agencies: Department of Education; Board of Medical Examiners; Department of Health; Attorney-General; Insurance Commissioner; Compensation Board; Hospital Association; Nurses' Association; Federation of Women's Clubs; Business Women's Clubs; Young Women's Christian Association; WPA; and public Libraries.

In all of these contacts, a persistent, sustained effort is made to impart dependable information, foster good will, subscribe assistance, and develop mutual interests. Our files contain many expressions that warrant the time and work contributed to these contacts.

III.

Public Education.—The committee is appreciative of the assistance rendered by the Committee on Health and Public Instruction and some eighteen members for their time contributed in giving lectures to Y. W. C. A. and high schools and certain women's clubs. Although uninformed as to the details, the committee notes with commendation the public education program of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and its Speakers' Bureau.

The committee endorses and urges that county societies conform to the recommendations of the Committee on Health and Public Instruction.

An informed public, possessed of dependable information, will be of tremendous value in establishing sound policies.

IV.

Insurance and Hospital Service Plans.—Following investigations, conferences, and reviews, this committee has recommended that the Council endorse the following organizations issuing hospital insurance policies: Insurance Association of Approved Hospitals, Oakland, and San Francisco; Association of Southern California Hospitals; and the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association. The committee will review and prepare recommendations for any other contemplated hospital insurance plans.

Health Service Plans.—The committee is advised, but is without factual details, that the American Medical Association Bureau of Economics is drafting certain recommendations for guidance when the formation of Medical Health Service is contemplated. Until these recommendations are available, it is recommended and urged that formation or affiliation with any and all health service groups or organizations be held in abeyance.

V.

Miscellaneous.—The year's activities include the following services:

(a) Information Bureau. Many hundreds of inquiries from the public and the profession are answered.

- (b) Press releases to local newspapers.
- (c) Distribution of approved literature to lay organizations and individuals.
- (d) Maintenance of a reference library.
- (e) Pacific Tri-State Conference.
- (f) Golden Gate International Exposition.

IN CONCLUSION

The committee, composed as it is of chairmen of standing committees and officers, has served as an interlocking administrative unit for these Association committees. In this dual capacity it has, we believe, coördinated functions and accomplished worth while results that are beneficial to every member. In consequence, we are of the opinion that specific guiding recommendations should emanate from individual committees, and when approved by the House of Delegates, or the Council, such recommendations will be observed by this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Dukes, *Chairman.*

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REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION

Executive Group

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To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your Committee on Animal Experimentation met and the chairman was authorized to act as the committee's representative on the Executive Committee of the California Society for the Promotion of Medical Research.

It is possible some of you may not be familiar with the history, organization, and objects of this society. The following will make clear these points and emphasize the extreme importance of the organization.

In militant opposition to the so-called "State Humane Pound Law," which will come before the voters by Initiative petition at the General Election next November, the medical fraternity of California and their lay friends are enlisting under the banner of the California Society for the Promotion of Medical Research. This society will conduct the campaign against the latest attempt of the antivivisectionists to throttle scientific research into the causes and cures of disease in California.

For the first time since their defeat in 1922, the self-styled "humane" groups have come before the people with another of their time-worn attacks upon medical research. With plenty of funds apparently at their disposal, proponents of the "State Humane Pound Law" are busily disclaiming that this is an antivivisection measure. Yet high legal authority has declared the proposed law to be, in effect, antivivisection only thinly disguised, since it would cut off the source of supply of animals for experimental purposes.

The California Society for the Promotion of Medical Research was organized in 1915 by medical, educational, and business leaders throughout the State. It led the successful campaigns of 1920, 1922, and previous years against the antivivisectionists, and is today being strengthened for the campaign this fall by increasing its membership among all classes of our citizens.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, President of Stanford University, is president of the Society. The vice-president is Mr. Frederick J. Koster, Chairman of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross and former president of the California State Chamber of Commerce. The secretary is Dr. Salvatore P. Lucia of the University of California Medical School, and the treasurer is Mr. J. K. Moffitt.

The Finance Committee for Northern California comprises: President Ray Lyman Wilbur; Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President of the University of California; Right Reverend Charles A. Ramm, Rabbi Irving F. Reichert, and William Kirk Guthrie, D.D.

The Campaign Committee for Northern California is headed by Philip K. Gilman, M.D., as chairman. The other